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1. The Soviet airfield at Strasshof (S-50), Austria, lies just south of the railway line which leads in a northeasterly direction from Vienna to Gänserndorf (S-61). The field was reported in March 1951 to be occupied by a unit disposing of 94 twin-engined Pe-2 bombers and 5 heavy bombers of an unidentified type, described as semi-high-winged monoplanes. The latter were believed to be aircraft of World War II vintage. They were observed to be constantly undergoing repairs. Also on the field were nine trainer biplanes.
2. Part of the above-mentioned Soviet Air Force unit has been at the Strasshof field since the spring of 1950. The remainder has been there since the summer of 1950.
3. Also based on the Strasshof airfield is a training unit consisting of some 60 men of the 1928-1950 classes, plus a maintenance unit of 28 men.
4. Most of the trainees have already undergone a six-months' technical training course in Leningrad. Some were stationed for as long as three months in various aircraft engine plants as apprentices. The trainees make a favorable impression for the most part. They march daily in formation from their quarters to the airfield. Their uniforms feature blue shoulder boards with black piping.
5. The aircraft on the Strasshof field belong to a reserve unit ("Mob-Flug einsatz-gruppe"). The planes are only to be manned in the event of a general mobilization. At present they are under the care of a unit believed to be only of platoon (flight) strength. No regular operational air force unit is based on the field.

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6. Since most of the Strasshof airfield buildings were destroyed during World War II, the field complement is quartered in requisitioned buildings in the villages of Strasshof and Deutsch Wagram. Most of the buildings in the vicinity of the Strasshof railroad station are now serving as billets.
7. The Strasshof airfield remains in the condition in which it was left by the Luftwaffe. It possesses a particularly long concrete runway and should be able to accomodate all types of Soviet Air Force planes. The Germans flew experimental jet planes from the field during World War II.
8. During the last months of the war the field was heavily bombed [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] and there are consequently no installations left standing 25X1
on the perimeter. The Soviet bombers are stacked out in the open in rows of twelve. The trainers are parked in a different part of the field and are used constantly.
9. Not only the hangars but also the field's radio installations were destroyed during the war. Radio facilities are currently supplied by three radio trucks supplemented by three generators. A large, well-equipped field maintenance workshop has been set up on the edge of the field nearest the village of Deutsch Wagram.
10. [redacted] Some 25X1
Russian and German trucks are also in the pool. The vehicles are maintained for the most part in good condition. [redacted] 25X1
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11. There are no stores of ammunition or bombs at the airfield. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] these stores are to be found at Ammunition Depot EG II, 25X1
some 30 kilometers from the field. A supply of bombs and ammunition ready for issue on mobilization day is said to be maintained on hand there.

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